

Whether this interpretation of the Sed festival be Osiris accepted in all its details or not., one thing seems quite ^{j^'the*1} certain : on these solemn occasions the god Osiris was per-king of sonated by the king of Egypt himself. That is the ^{g}pt'} point with which we are here chiefly concerned.

Osiris, and undoubtedly impersonated festival is as yet obscure. See J. II. him," and further that "one of the Breasted, *Development of Religion and* ceremonies of this feast symbolized *Thought in Ancient Egypt* (London^ the resurrection of Osiris"; but he 1912), p. 39. considers that the significance of the